GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3266
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HIKE IN AIR FARES
RANEE NARAH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the air fares have gone up during the last three years; and

(b) the extent to which this has affected the foreign tourists to India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a): During last three years, domestic air fares of Indian Airlines have increased as under:

1997

North Eastern Region- 10.5%
Rest of India:

1. Sectors upto 700 Kms- 14.0%

2. Sectors above 700 Kms- 10.5%

1998

Category II Routes(Routes connecting stations in North-Eastern region, J&K, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands)- Nil
Rest of India- 11.2%

1999

Only USD fares were increased by 10% No Increase on Category II Routes.

As regards increase in fares to/from India, details are given in the annexure.

(b): Foregin tourist arrivals have shown marginal increase during the last three years.

Annexure DETAILS OF FARE INCREASE TO/FROM INDIA DURING 1997, 1998 &1999

FARE INCREASE TO INDIA

AREA	1997-1998		1998-1999		1999-2000	
	%INCREASE	EFF.DATE	%INCREASE	EFF.DATE	%INCREASE	EFF.DATE
Europe	Nil	NA	NIL	NA	Bet.2%-19%	16.6.99
	Bet.2%-10%	1.12.99				
Africa	Bet.5%-7%	15.4.97	Bet.3%-5%	7.5.98	Nil	NA
M.East	Nil	NA	Nil	NA	5%	1.6.99
S.E. Asia	Bet.5%-7%	15.4.97	Nil	NA	5%	16.9.99
S.W.Pacific	4% Frm.Aust.	15.4.97	Nil	NA	Aust- 5%	16.9.99
Papua New Ginea- 11%						
Japan,Korea &SPC- 5%	Nil	NA	Nil	NA	Korea- 10%N	16.9.99
USA,Canada	Bet.4%-5%	1.4.97	Nil	NA	NRML- 10.25%	16.9.99
SPC- 8% VIA AT						
Central America	F/J-2%	1.4.97	Nil	NA	Bet. 4%-7%	16.9.99
VIA AT						
South America	F/J-2%	1.4.97	Nil	NA	F/J- 4%	16.9.99
VIA AT						

FARE INCREASE FROM INDIA

AREA	1997-1998		1998-1999		1999-2000	
	%INCREASE	EFF.DATE	%INCREASE	EFF.DATE	%INCREASE	EFF.DATE
Europe	Nil	NA	Nil	NA	5%	1.12.99
Africa	5%	15.4.97	5%	7.5.98	Nil	NA

M.East 5% 1.4.97 Nil NA 5% 1.6.99

S.E. Asia 5% 15.4.97 Nil NA 5% 16.9.99

S.W.Pacific 5% 15.4.97 Nil NA 5% 16.9.99

Japan,Korea 5% 15.4.97 Nil NA 5% 16.9.99

USA,Canada 5% 1.4.97 Nil NA 10.25% 16.9.99
VIA AT

Central America F/J- 2% 1.4.97 Nil NA 10.25% 16.9.99
VIA AT

South America F/J- 2% 1.4.97 Nil NA NRML- 10.25% 16.9.99
SPL- 5% VIA AT

N Net F/J First class/J class
SPC Special incentive VIA AT Via Atlantic
pro-rate fare SPL Special
NRML Normal Aust Australia